

FUND AID LAWFUL, DECLARES COUDERT

La Fayette Relief Work
Called in Keeping with
Neutrality.

MRS. WHITNEY WARREN
REPLIES TO CRITIC

Secours National Needs at Least
\$6,000,000, She Says, to Pro-
vide for Refugees.

Questioning the neutrality of the
La Fayette Fund has provoked a de-
fense of its activities from Frederic R.
Coudert, authority on international
law.

"The La Fayette Fund is no wise vio-
lates the neutrality laws of the United
States," Mr. Coudert said. "These laws
are rigorously and definitely defined.
They prohibit the fitting out of armed
vessels, the enlisting of men, and a
few other specific acts. They do not
prevent the sending by individuals of
provisions, supplies, arms or ammuni-
tion, although in the case of the latter
the fitting out of vessels may be im-
posed on the high seas if they are able to do so."

The acts of the La Fayette Fund are
these of humanity, he holds, and should
be encouraged. Mr. Coudert asserts
the committee cannot be impeded in
its work by ignorant criticism or ma-
levolent animadversion and adds:

"The idea that we can have no sym-
pathies, no sense of justice, no intelli-
gent appreciation of right and wrong
because it is proper and necessary that
our government should remain neutral
and take no part in the war is utterly
absurd. Nor has this been the German
view, for, in 1870, Count Bernstorff
said to Lord Granville: 'It is impossible
for the human mind not to side with
one or the other party in a conflict
like the present one. What is the use
of being right or wrong in the eyes of
the world, if the public remains in-
sensible to the merits of a cause?'"

Coming at the same time as the La
Fayette Fund committee's announce-
ment that its relief work will be ex-
tended to convalescent as well as ac-
tive French soldiers is a letter from
Mrs. Whitney Warren, treasurer of
the American Committee of the Se-
cours National, in reply to reports that
enough funds are now in French hands
to preclude the necessity of further
American relief work. The letter is
based on facts obtained from Mrs.
Warren's husband, active in relief work
in Paris.

Mrs. Warren says that the Secours
National in Paris now has one million
dollars.

Yesterday the Earl of Elgin, char-
tered by the Serbian Agricultural Re-
lief Committee of America, of 79 Elgin
Avenue, sailed for Salonica with a car-
go of large tents and clothes for a
thousand refugees, contributed by A.
T. White and family. Announcement
was made by the Commissioner of Re-
lief, of 71 Broadway, that the third
New York State ship will sail
before the end of this month.

Dr. John H. Finley, Commissioner of
Education and chairman of the com-
missioner's state committee, has returned
from a visit to the Buffalo local com-
mittee, which has received a letter of
thanks from the relief committee of
Belgium, in the Hainaut province of
Belgium. Dr. Finley has consulted
all the relief committees in Buffalo in
the commissioner's local committee.

The American Polish Relief Com-
mittee of New York, 14 East Forty-sev-
enth Street, has made public a letter
received by a Polish resident of Buf-
falo, in which the devastation of Po-
lish villages by Germans is described.
According to the message, wet cellars
are the only homes left to whole com-
munities. The contributions received by
the committee have reached \$22,616.
Other relief organizations have pub-
lished the receipts of contributions to
date as follows: Secours National, \$72-
88; Belgian Relief Committee, \$11-
62.84; Serbian Agricultural Relief
Committee, \$50,770.81; Persian War
Relief, \$27,067.46; and the Committee
of Mercy, 200 Fifth Avenue, \$151,848.76.

Miss Anna Milo Upjohn has present-
ed a collection of her character and
water color drawings of French chil-
dren to the Secours National. Five of
them have already been sold, and the
money obtained transferred to the
fund. The remaining pictures are on
view at the Rialto Gallery, 567 Fifth
Avenue.

The New York State Board of the
American Red Cross has received
\$31,175.30 for the European War Re-
lief Fund.

**JOB FOR MOOSER
STIRS UP ALBANY**

Pratt Tries to Oust Mulligan
from \$2,800 Conserva-
tion Place.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.)
Albany, May 1.—George D. Pratt,
of Brooklyn, whom Governor Whitman
appointed head of the reorganized
State Conservation Department, has
aroused the anger of Albany County
Republicans by demanding the resig-
nation of Andrew J. Mulligan, of this
city, an auditor, a \$2,800 a year posi-
tion. He wants to give the job to
John B. Burnham, and the fact that
Burnham is a Progressive has caused
a feeling of resentment that may re-
sult in an open breach between the
administration and the organization.
Mulligan, who is an organization Re-
publican, has refused to resign. He
has been with the department about
twenty years and declares that he will
fight for his job under the law which
protects exempt firemen. It is under-
stood that should he be forced to take
the matter into the courts he will be
backed by the Republican organization
of Albany County.

Burnham was connected with the old

Forest, Fish and Game department,
under James S. Whipple. He lost his
job when the Democrats got in power
and afterward joined the Progressive
party. In 1912 he ran on the Pro-
gressive ticket for Congress against
Edwin A. Merritt in the Thirty-first
District, and last fall was the Pro-
gressive candidate against Eugene M.
Travis for State Controller. Before
he was appointed Mr. Pratt announced
that he wanted Burnham, who is an
officer of the American Game Pro-
tective and Propagation Association, as
his first deputy, a \$6,000 position. The
organization, however, forced him to
agree to give this job to Assemblyman
Alexander Macdonald, of Franklin
County, chairman of the Ways and
Means Committee.

Commissioner Pratt, who took up his
duties last week, shortly after Gov-
ernor Whitman signed the bill ousting
the Democratic triple-headed com-
mittee, has been busy reorganizing the
department ever since.

Those whom he forced to walk the
plank to-day are Albert E. Hoyt, sec-
retary, \$5,000; Matthew E. Hoover,
chief of publication, \$3,500, and Ray
Van Avery, deputy chief protector,
\$2,400, all Democrats. Many of the
positions under the old committee
were abolished by the law reorganiz-
ing the department.

HIS WRECK THREAT WAS TO AID STORK

Boy Husband Admits He
Hoped to Frighten Rail-
road Out of \$250.

William Arthur Sexton is only eigh-
teen years old, but last September he
married the daughter of a clergyman
at Beacon, N. Y. Now he expects an
interesting arrival in the family, and
having no money to defray the ex-
penses he wrote the superintendent of
the New York, New Haven & Hartford
Railroad at Waterbury, Conn., that \$250
must be sent to him in a wreck
freight train on that division and raise
the amount to \$2,000.

Sexton was arrested at Newburgh,
N. Y., and arraigned yesterday before
United States Commissioner Clarence
S. Houston, charged with using the
mails to extort money. In default of
\$3,000 bail he was committed to the
Tomb.

The threatening letter was mailed
from Newburgh on April 13. It was
turned over to W. J. Donnelly and
Thomas A. Ryan, railroad detectives.
It was printed in pencil and signed by
the alias W. H. Sanborn.

"Dear Sir," it read, "on April 28 you
will send a letter to W. H. Sanborn,
Waterbury, Conn., general delivery. In
this you will inclose five \$10 bills, ten
\$10 bills and five \$20 bills. If you fail
to do this we will wreck trains on your
division and raise the money to \$2,000.
If you intend to do as we wish put a
notice in the personal column of 'The
New York American.' Make it read:

"Sanborn O. K."
A dummy package was prepared by
the detectives and mailed to the Water-
bury postoffice. There they learned
Sanborn had ordered his mail be for-
warded to Newburgh.

Accompanied by Thomas F. Fitch, a
postoffice inspector, who made the com-
plaint, the detectives followed the decoy
package, and when Sanborn asked for
mail they arrested him. Mr. Fitch said
Sexton denied he had any associates in
the plot, and said he never intended to
wreck freight trains. He did admit,
however, that he needed money because
his wife expected a baby soon.

FAMED WASHINGTON CLUB FACES THIRST

Metropolitan Is Threatened with
Loss of Its License to
Sell Liquor.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)
Washington, May 1.—The Metropoli-
tan Club, the most exclusive social or-
ganization of Washington, may lose its
liquor license. Charges were to-day
preferred against the club, to which
high members of the government, the
army and navy and the diplomatic
corps belong. A warrant was issued
ordering the president of the club,
Nathaniel Wilson, to appear in the po-
lice court.

The club is charged with a violation
of the Jones-Works excise law, which
provides that licenses may not be
issued in blocks "where less than one
per cent of the foot frontage, not in-
cluding saloons, hotels and clubs hav-
ing barroom licenses, is used for busi-
ness purposes."

H Street, where the Metropolitan
Club stands, is a residential street.
The club and a hotel at the other end
of the block are the only non-residen-
tial properties in the block. It is
thought that conditions may be re-
medied by cutting a new entrance
through the Seventeenth Street side of
the building, for Seventeenth Street is
more than half composed of business
buildings.

MARRIAGE BUREAU CLOSED

Mayor's Signature Abolishes
"Chapel" in City Hall.

Mayor Mitchell yesterday signed the
ordinance passed by the Board of
Aldermen abolishing the marriage bu-
reau which for many years attracted
the lovers to the basement in city
hall. There in the so-called "chapel,"
thousands of pairs of loving hearts
have been welded into one by the civil
authority of some alderman.

The "chapel," however, fell into dis-
repute. There were many complaints
made that the clerks took advantage
of the bridegroom's embarrassment and
molested him for a fee, when the insti-
tution was supposed to be free. But
civil marriages can still be had for
those who desire them. A room in the
Municipal Building adjoining the of-
fice of the City Clerk has been set
aside by the Sinking Fund Commis-
sioners for such ceremonies.

Thirty-fourth Street

Women's Summer Negligees

the personification of daintiness and charm,
will—at these prices—suggest to the woman
of taste a need which must immediately be
supplied. To-morrow (Monday)

Tea Gowns of charmeuse, with overgown of
silk lace and wing sleeves of chiffon,
at \$28.50

Negligees of crepe de chine, in two lace-
trimmed models at \$12.50

Silk-lined Kimonos

Of crepe de Chine at \$7.50

Of French challis at 5.75

Of white dotted crepe at 3.85

Pullman Robes of genuine pongee, at 7.75

A Sale of

Women's Shoes and Silk Hosiery

in white and white-and-black, will comprise

Women's White Canvas Pumps, pair \$4.00

Women's White-and-black Pumps, having
white calfskin vamps, patent leather quar-
ters and black heels per pair \$4.75

WOMEN'S WHITE SILK HOSIERY

White Silk Boot Hose, with deep cotton tops
and soles per pair 42c.

White Silk Hose with cotton tops and soles,
per pair 80c.

White Silk Hose per pair \$1.10

White Silk Hose, with white or black clocks,
per pair \$1.65

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Thirty-fifth Street

On TUESDAY, May 4th

An Important Sale of Women's Cotton Frocks

will offer very unusual price advantages.

Exceptional care has been given to the
preparation of this Sale and the models
are the newest procurable, made of dainty
sheer fabrics in white and captivating color
effects that offer a wide choice of selection.

Cotton Frocks in great variety, for morning
and general wear, at

\$5.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$9.75 & \$11.00

Cotton Frocks, in dressy models, adapted for
afternoon and informal occasions, at
\$12.50, \$15.00, \$21.00, \$32.00 & \$38.00

Many of these Frocks are appropriate for
wearing at college commencements.

Separate Cotton Skirts

at \$2.75, \$3.25, \$4.25, \$5.00 & \$5.75
(Third Floor, Madison Avenue Side)

An Important Sale of MEN'S FURNISHINGS

now in course of preparation, will be
held on Tuesday and Wednesday,
May 4th and 5th.

Details will be announced in full in to-morrow
(Monday) evening's papers.

Women's American-made Undergarments

will offer special inducements at these
prices to-morrow (Monday):

MUSLIN UNDERGARMENTS

Nightrobes, 95c., \$1.50, 1.65, 2.00, 2.85 & 3.75

Combination Garments

at . . . \$1.00, 1.50, 1.90, 2.85 & 3.50

Chemises 78c., 1.15 & 1.25

Envelope Chemises, 1.00, 1.45, 1.65 & 2.25

Corset Covers 50c., 68c., 85c., 1.00 to 1.95

Drawers . . . 48c., 65c., 85c., 1.15 & 1.75

Drawers in extra sizes

at . . . 58c., 75c., 95c., \$1.25 & 1.85

Petticoats . . . 95c., 1.50, 2.10 & 2.85

CREPE DE CHINE UNDERGARMENTS

Nightrobes . . . \$3.85, 5.00, 6.25 & 7.50

Envelope Chemises . . . 1.90, 3.85 & 4.75

Corset Covers and Underbodices

at . . . \$1.00, 1.75, 2.85 & 3.75

Knickerbockers 1.90

5,000 Yards of

39-inch Black Chiffon Dress Taffeta

(Made in France)

will constitute an offer of unusual import-
ance at the special price of

\$1.68 per yard

Mail and Telephone Orders will receive prompt attention.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF SUMMER FURNISHINGS

will be commenced to-morrow (Monday), affording a remarkable opportunity to obtain desirable and
absolutely reliable merchandise at very decided price concessions. Included will be:

A Special Purchase of Russian Cluny Lace Pieces

(hand-made, suitable for decorative use)

consisting of about 2,000 Table Covers
(square and circular), Doilies and Scarfs,
all of which are marked at prices so far below
their value as to be virtually unprecedented.

Square Table Covers (sizes 20x20 inches to
36x36 inches)

each . . . \$1.75, 2.25, 3.00 & 5.00

Circular Table Covers (sizes 20 to 40 inches
in diameter)

each . . . \$1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.50 & 5.00

Doilies (circular, size 6 inches in diameter)

each 15c.

Scarfs (sizes 16x30 inches to 20x72 inches)

each . . . \$1.75, 2.75, 3.50 & 5.50

(This Sale will be held on the First Floor)

A Selection of Household Linens

especially low priced.

Linen Damask Table Cloths

each . . . \$1.90, 2.40, 3.35, 4.50 & 5.50

Linen Damask Table Napkins

per dozen . . . \$2.45, 2.90, 3.25 & 3.90

Hemstitched Linen Towels

per dozen . . . \$3.00, 4.20 & 7.75

Hemstitched Linen Guest Towels

per dozen . . . \$2.75 & 3.90

Turkish Bath Towels, hemmed

per dozen . . . \$2.40, 3.00 & 4.80

Kitchen, Glass and Pantry Towels, hemmed

and lettered . . . per dozen \$2.75

Linen Crash Toweling, per yard, 12c. & 14c.

An Unusual Offering of 2,000 Reversible Wool Art Rugs

(Made in America)

particularly adapted for Summer use, in
attractive designs and color effects.

Size 9x10½ feet at \$6.00

Size 9x12 feet at 7.65

(Rug Department, Fifth Floor)

A Sale of Summer Curtains

to be held in the Lace Curtain Department
(Fourth Floor), especially featuring Cur-
tains made of fine imported white net, in
self-toned stripe effects (now very much in
demand), finished with narrow lace edges.
These Curtains will be marked at

\$3.85 & 5.25 per pair

Drawnwork-block Scrim Curtains

of unusually fine quality, in white and ivory,
will provide a supplementary offering at

\$2.25 per pair

Over 10,000 Yards of Imported Cretonnes

in a diversity of designs and colorings,
exceptionally priced at

22c., 32c. & 45c. per yard

Summer Draperies, Slip Covers, etc., will be
promptly made to order from these Cre-
tonnes at reasonable prices.

(Upholstery Department, Fourth Floor)

Blankets, Comfortables, Bedspreads, Muslin Sheets and Pillow Cases

White Blankets

per pair . . . \$3.90, 4.50, 6.00 & 7.50

Comfortables

Cotton-filled each \$1.50

Cotton-filled, with figured mull top and plain
border each \$2.25

Wool-filled, of plain-colored dotted mull,
each \$5.75

Wool-filled, of plain-colored Japanese silk,
each \$9.50

Bedspreads

Satin-finish, with scalloped edges:

Single size, each \$3.75 Double size, each \$4.75

Satin-finish, hemmed each 2.75

Crochet Bedspreads, each 95c., \$1.10 & 1.50

Allendale Bedspreads

Single size, each \$1.00 Double size, each \$1.10

Extra size each 1.20

Muslin Sheets

With plain hems . . . each 62c. to 98c.

Muslin Pillow Cases

With plain hem . . . each 17c. to 25c.

(Fourth Floor)

All Charged or Paid Purchases (including
heavy and bulky shipments) will be for-
warded Free of Charge, by mail, express or
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